

Dear Families,

Did you know that children who do not read during the summer can lose up to two to three months of reading development? Help to ensure that your child does not fall victim to the 'summer slide'! Scholastic has created a free online summer reading challenge that is simple to navigate. **All you have to do is enter online how many minutes per day your child reads beginning NOW through September 9th**. If Bower Hill would collectively happen to have the most minutes read in the United States, author Dav Pilkey (most known for his Captain Underpants series) would come to our school as a guest speaker next year! There are other interactive elements such as exclusive stories and games that appear as your child logs additional minutes read. The steps to register are below:

Instructions for Registering Your Child for the 2016 Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge:

To register your child go to: <http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2016>

Next, scroll down to the **ORANGE KIDS BOX** on the left hand side. Here you will click on **GO NOW**.

Then, click **REGISTER HERE** on the right hand side of the page. Choose from the drop down menus to create a screen name. Once you are satisfied with your screen name click on **CONTINUE**. Next, create a password, and answer the security question. **I would suggest writing your username and password down and keeping it in a safe place, so your child does not forget it.** Next, click on **CONTINUE**. Now, make sure to choose **UNITED STATES** and **PENNSYLVANIA** from the two drop down menus. Finally, click **SUBMIT!**

The final step is the most IMPORTANT ONE! Make sure to click YES to tie minutes read to our school, BOWER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL! PARENTS, you'll need to enter YOUR OWN e-mail here to confirm this step. Now, click **SUBMIT** again. **BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR E-MAIL and CLICK THE LINK to confirm that your child attends BOWER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.** Click on the link **AFTER** this text: **To give us your child's school information and give us permission to contact you about the program, you must visit the following link:** Now, all of your child's minutes read this summer will be added towards BOWER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

Now, enter the zip code of **15367**, **CLICK FIND**, and then under **SCHOOL NAME** drop down and click on **BOWER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**. Make sure to check **YES** under **STEP 3** to activate our school. Lastly, click on **APPROVE** and **SUBMIT**. After you've confirmed that your child attends BOWER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, you can go back at any time to your child's homepage at: <http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2016>. Next, repeat steps from the beginning to access your child's homepage. Scroll down to the **ORANGE KIDS BOX** on the left hand side. Here you will click on **GO NOW**. Now Then, click **LOG IN** on the right hand side of the page. Your child will enter their screen name and password made previously. Click **GO**, and **MOST IMPORTANTLY, remember to match the corresponding day of the week, and enter how many minutes your child has read each day.** You may go back to weeks that have already taken place and enter minutes your child has read. The challenge began on May 9th. The website has been malfunctioning from time to time due to so many people entering minutes on the site. If this should happen, please be patient and try again.

HAPPY READING!!!

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